MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; on 12th June 1944.

(*b*) the question of framing Regulations is under the consideration of the Council.

(*c*) this does not arise in view to the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) the Rules to be issued by Government are under scrutiny.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any Medical Practitioners have been so far registered under the provisions of the Act?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether there was any notification recently published, modifying the provision under Clause 2 of Section 22 of the Medical Practitioners' Act whereby certificates other than those of the Tahsildar can be produced for registration.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: This question does not arise.

PRESIDENT: If the honourable member wishes to have information on the subject, he might have it later.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Under Section 22, it is said that applicants for registration should produce certificates from the Tahsildar or any other person. Now, the recent notification has asked for a certificate other than from the Tahsildar. May I know whether any notification has been published to that effect, and if so, is it in consonance with this clause?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. So far it has not been published. But having regard to the question put, the matter will be considered.

Village Panchayats and Village Unions

114. ✻ SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Village Panchayats constituted under the Village Panchayats Act and Village Unions constituted under the Village Unions Act now (14-10-1120) working in Travancore; and

(*b*) whether any scheme has been submitted to and considered by Government for extending, co-ordinating and consolidating the activities of these bodies so that they may be made official units of a comprehensive scheme of rural reconstruction?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER:

(*a*) Village Panchayats ... 7
Village Unions ... 39

(*b*) No.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapally cum Kartikapally*): Are not these Village Unions an additional burden on the people without conferring any additional benefit?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Certainly not.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Thiruvella*): May I know from the honourable member the need for these two categories of Village Organisations—Village Unions and Village Panchayat.

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The Village Panchayat Act was introduced first. As it did not meet the requirements of the people in general, and as several representations were received from the public for a different organisation, another organisation had to be formed. Both the Acts are now functioning and when the proper time comes they will be amalgamated.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the difference between the one and the other?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvella*): I rise to a point of order. The honourable member obviously wants an information on a legal point.

PRESIDENT: He would not get it (*laughter*).

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: My submission is that the preamble containing the.....

PRESIDENT: It is open to the honourable member to say so.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Does the honourable member think that there is a duplication regarding the functions of these two organisations?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: It is not so.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): That is a question regarding the enactment and the interpretation of law.

PRESIDENT: What was said was that questions relating to legal opinion or interpretations of the law are not fit subjects for interpellation.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: The question does not bear upon the legal interpretation. I want to know the functions of these two organisations.

PRESIDENT: The functions are outlined in the Act.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know how many years have passed since the Village Panchayat system was introduced in Travancore?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I would refer the honourable member to the Act.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I want to know how many months or years it is now since the Act was put into operation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The Act was put into operation as soon as it was passed (*Laughter*)

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has any review of the Village Panchayats been made in Travancore?

PRESIDENT: In every Administration Report there is a review on that.

Cement Factory.

115. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the site for the proposed cement factory in Travancore has been selected: and;

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